The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>13-4500</u>, Order No. <u>1776-4054</u>.

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Appendix

- 22. A biodegradable card as claimed in claim 18 [or 19], wherein said polylactic acid-based resin (A) is a polylactic acid homopolymer.
- 24. A biodegradable card as claimed in <u>claim 18</u> [any one of claims 18-23], wherein a magnetic recording layer and/or a thermally-sensitive recording layer are formed on said biodegradable resin composition layer which is a base material.